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FOLLOWING REPEAT GENEVA 1502 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO USUN
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QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L

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TAGS: UNCTAD PORG VS

SUBJECT: UNCTAD: POSSIBLE PRG ISSUE IN 6TH SPECIAL SESSION OF TDB

REF: GENEVA 1241 (NOTAL)

1. I RAISED WITH UNCTAD SECRETARY-GENERAL COREA US CONCERNS
THAT NEXT WEEK'S SPECIAL SESSION OF THE TDB COULD BECOME AN
ARENA FOR PRG PUSH TO LEGITIMATIZE ITSELF BY SEEKING RECOGNITION.
I OUTLINED VARIOUS PERMUTATIONS WE THOUGHT THIS MIGHT TAKE,
I.E. PRG DESPLACING RVN AS REPRESENTATIVE OF SOUTH VIETNAM,
DUAL SEATING RVN AND PRG, OR EXCLUSIION RVN FROM UNCTAD COMMIT-
TEES AS "NON-REPRESENTATIVE" OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

2. COREA ADMITTED HAD NOT UP TO THAT POINT GIVEN THOUGHT TO

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THE POSSIBILITY AND APPEARED TO BE UNAWARE OF PRG EFFORTS IN

OTHER BODIES TO GAIN RECOGNITION. HE CONCEDED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THE ISSUE COULD BE RAISED, PROBABLY BY ALGERIA, AND COULD PROVE TO BE A MAJOR DISTRACTION FROM THE WORK THE SPECIAL SESSION HAD SET FOR ITSELF.

3. FOLLOWING A BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE DIFFICULTIES THIS ISSUE HAD RAISED IN OTHER MEETINGS, I EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR THE UNCTAD LEGAL AUTHORITIES TO PREPARE THEMSELVES FULLY SHOULD THE SESSION GET INTO AN ARGUMENT ON THIS ISSUE SINCE THE LEGAL OPINIONS PROVIDED THE CHAIR OR THE BOARD COULD BE VERY CRUCIAL TO THE OUTCOME OF ANY DEBATE. COREA UNDERTOOK TO QUIETLY ALERT THE LEGAL ADVISOR AND HAVE HIM KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE APPROPRIATE MISSION OFFICER. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD (LUKANOV, BULGARIA) WOULD BE ABSENT FOR THE FIRST PART OF THE MEETINGS AND WOULD PROBABLY BE REPLACED BY THE YUGOSLAV VICE-CHAIRMAN (LALOVIC), WHICH IN ITSELF MIGHT CREATE PROBLEMS. DALE UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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